

REMARKS

Forty-two claims are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-7, 10-14, 16-27, 30-34, and 36-42 currently stand rejected. Claims 8-9, 15, 28-29, and 35 are allowed. Claims 14 and 34 are amended, and claims 1-7, 10-13, 16-27, 30-33, and 36-42 are cancelled herein. Reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 14 and 34 are rejected because “[t]here are insufficient bases” for certain limitations. Furthermore, on page 11, the Examiner indicates that claims 14 and 34 “would be allowable” if the foregoing rejections are overcome. According, Applicants herein amend claims 14 and 34 to remedy the foregoing informalities with respect to sufficient antecedent basis for Applicants’ claimed limitations. In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants believe that the Examiner’s rejections are addressed, and respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn so that claims 14 and 34 may issue in a timely manner.

Cancellation Of Rejected Claims

In the Final Office Action of February 9, 2007 and a subsequent Advisory Action mailed May 23, 2007, the Examiner has indicated that claims 8-9, 14-15, 28-29, and 34-35 are allowed or allowable. The Examiner has also indicated that claims 1-7, 10-13, 16-27, 30-33, and 36-42 remain rejected. Because of the Applicants' wish to expedite the allowance and issuance of the present Application, Applicants therefore refrain from further discussing the cited references, and instead, herein cancel currently rejected claims 1-7, 10-13, 16-27, 30-33, and 36-42 without prejudice to thereby place the Application in condition for immediate allowance.


The Applicants expressly state that the rejected claims 1-7, 10-13, 16-27, 30-33, and 36-42 are not cancelled herein for reasons of patentability. The rejected claims 1-7, 10-13, 16-27, 30-33, and 36-42 are cancelled solely to expedite the allowance and issuance of the Application. Furthermore, the Applicants also reserve the right to seek allowance of any additional claims in Applications that may claim priority in the present Application.

Summary

The Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks place the present Application in condition for immediate allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the present Application are respectfully requested. If there are questions concerning this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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